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HOME DOCK STRIKE

LONDON KEEPS GOING.

OTHER PORTS MOSTLY IDLE.
 (Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 19.
 While work has come to a standstill at most other ports, approximately 3,000 men are working at London Docks to-day, being one-fifth of the normal number.
 Thirty-two ships are discharging cargo.
TRADE UNION SUPPORT.
 LONDON, February 19.
 The emergency committee of the Trade Union Congress has passed a resolution congratulating the transport workers and the dockers on their magnificent stand and pledging the support of British trade unionism.
 The resolution calls on all affiliated organisations to assist the strikers.

WAR IN THE AIR

BRITAIN'S INADEQUATE DEFENCES.

STRONGER FORCE URGED.

LONDON, February 19.
 The evening sitting of the House of Commons was devoted to Sir Samuel Hoare's motion on the question of air defence, in which the former Air Minister invited the House to affirm the principle of maintaining a home defence air force of sufficient strength to give adequate protection against the strongest air force within striking distance of British shores.
 Sir Samuel Hoare contrasted the British and French services, the former with 100 first line machines compared with France's 1,000.
 He stated that his resolution followed the lines agreed upon by the Dominion premiers, and embodied a programme only costing £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 a year, but more vitally important to the safety of the country than any other phase of national defence.
 He asked for an assurance that the Government was anxious to see civil aviation developed.

DISARMAMENT NECESSARY.

Mr. W. M. Leach, Under Secretary for Air, replying, stated that there would be no change at present regarding the expansion of the Air Force already planned. He declared that the war had killed the doctrine that in order to get peace you must prepare for war. All the nations that prepared most got the most war. (Ministerial cheers and Opposition dissent.)
 Mr. Leach said the Government would do its utmost to facilitate an international air craft disarmament conference and declared the legacies of development inherited from the old government would be fulfilled.
 They were anxious to foster civil aviation and encourage the development of airships.
 Mr. Leach, in conclusion, said the Army and Navy might repel land attacks, but the Air Force could not prevent an air raid. The only adequate defence was a changed international atmosphere.

CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT.

Col. Seeley declared that the House had listened to a most astonishing doctrine which would mean the disbandment of the Army and Navy if followed to its logical conclusion. They must challenge the Government upon that doctrine. (Opposition cheers.) Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Colonies, stated that the Government's policy was definitely to make the Air Force adequate, and whilst recognising the necessity of defence and realising the imperial aspects of the question and giving an assurance of continuity on the first stages of the programme, the Government reserved the right to do nothing which would prevent them working for disarmament. He hoped the House would reject the motion.
 The motion was talked out, the Speaker not accepting the closure.
LATER.
 The Speaker would not accept the closure which Sir Samuel Hoare moved because he held the opinion that a debate on a matter of this magnitude in such a short period ought to be resumed when the air estimates came on.

PRAYA INCIDENT.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGE.

EUROPEAN LADY'S COMPLAINT.

Oliver Williams, a negro, and Edward Hurley, both seamen from the U.S.S. "Perrin", were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with disorderly conduct and assaulting Mrs. Wood, wife of Sanitary Inspector R. R. Wood, on the Praya East yesterday evening.
 Giving evidence, Mrs. M. K. Wood, stated that she lived at No. 2, Government Quarters, Happy Valley, and was waiting for a tram at the corner of Green Street. She had been there a minute and a half when Hurley came up from behind and tapped her on the shoulder. She turned round, seized him by the left shoulder and pushed him away saying to him: "What do you think you are in the States again?" Williams was standing at the rear and Hur-

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

MISCHIEVOUS RUMOURS NAILED.

BUSINESS NOT HARMED.
 (Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 A letter to Senators reports that the business of the Senate is not hampered by the disclosure of the oil leases, and that the business is proceeding in a healthy condition, and that probably many rumours regarding the oil leases will be discovered upon investigation to be without foundation. Americans may look forward to the coming months hopefully.
LATEST ASPECTS.

The Senate oil committee private examination of certain New York stockbrokers who produced account books for its inspection, and the continued refusal of Mr. Daugherty to resign are features of to-day's development of the scandal.
 The object of the new turn in the committee's enquiry is undoubtedly to ascertain whether any officials took advantage of advance information regarding the Teapot Dome lease to speculate in stocks.

SUSPICIOUS?

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 It is reliably learned that the name of one Government official, whose identity has not yet been disclosed, appears on the books of a certain firm, which the Senate oil committee examined to-day.

FRENCH POLITICS.

GOVERNMENT FACES MORE TROUBLE.

ELECTORAL REFORM BATTLE.

PARIS, February 19.
 Having won the day on the most controversial features of the finance bill, namely authorisation for the Government to reduce expenditure by decree and to increase taxes generally, twenty per cent, the Government is now faced with a hard battle in the Senate on the electoral reform bill.
 The Left Democrats, who are in the majority in the Senate, oppose the modified form of proportional representation, which is a feature of the bill, as passed by the Chamber of Deputies, and demand a return to the old majority system. But it is anticipated that many will abstain from voting in order to overthrow the Government, the question not being regarded as of national importance.
 It is noteworthy that the customs dues on goods imported from abroad are exempted from the twenty per cent increase in taxation.
 Earlier cables stated that the taxation proposals adopted by the Chamber of Deputies embodied clause three, which has been hotly debated for nearly a month. After this the Chamber got to work more rapidly on the remaining one hundred and ten clauses of the Government's Financial Measures Bill. The delay in voting on the Bill was blamed for the fall of the franc. As French traders are now heavily buying sterling it is hoped the franc will improve.

HANDING BACK WEIHAIWEI.

LONDON, February 19.
 Acting under orders from Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the London Charge d'Affaires, conferred with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the Foreign Office and presented the Chinese case regarding Weihaiwei.
 China is dissatisfied with the decision of the Anglo-Chinese Commission, the report of which is before the two Governments. China claims modifications, especially concerning Chinese sovereignty, and asks the British Government to resume negotiations.
 Mr. MacDonald promised to study the question and expressed a desire that the whole matter of transferring Weihaiwei to China should be completed as quickly as possible.

BOOZE RUNNERS' RESPITE.

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 A short delay is likely in the signing of the Canadian-American illicit liquor prevention treaty in consequence of Canada declining a suggestion that vessels plying between Canada and the United States carrying liquor should be denied clearance. It is argued that this is a violation of Canadian law.—Reuter's American Service.

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DEATHS.

CLARKE.—On Sunday, December 23, 1923, at Tunbridge Wells, England, Charles Cecil Clarke, late Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, aged 69 years.

DE SOUSA.—On February 14, 1924, at Berkeley, California, Mr. A. M. de Sousa, late of Chinese Maritime Customs, the dearly beloved father of Mrs. R. Dreyse (née de Sousa).

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 1934.

HAVING A FLUTTER.

How many Hongkong people really, really know anything about horses? Few enough, we wot. Yet these four days will find most the Colony describing, discussing and criticising the performances of some odd hundred China ponies. Large crowds will flock to Happy Valley, arrayed in their best, and will there strain their eyes to watch these same absurdly small mounts career round the course. Still larger numbers will eagerly scan the evening papers for results and their minds will become jubilant, melancholy or philosophic as the tale is told. Bands will quicken the joy of those related with sudden riches and losses

win the cash sweep's first prize and that one ticket may be bought by the man who invests \$10 just as readily as it may fall to the man who invests \$100. How did Shakespeare express this truth?

If Hercules and Lichas play at dice,

Which is the better man? The greater throw May turn by fortune from the weaker hand.

Many a local financial Hercules and a Lichas will learn this again ere Saturday evening come, and lest the fates have already ordained that they must lose, they will be wise to accept this sure tip—set a limit to the number of bets to be made and thus ensure that a run of a bad luck will not cost more than a known sum. If this advice is followed the moralists are answered—completely and finally—for betting then becomes a harmless pleasure. If it is ignored—well, hardship might easily result. That many will ignore it does not, however, give the moralists much argument. Man is a gaming animal, and if you deprive him of his races he will find other ways to have a flutter, in spite of all the reproof and all the caution in the world.

To-morrow's Great Race.

Hongkong, as all the Colony knows, takes the name of its great annual race from the famous Home event, but how many people are aware that the Derby was first started so long ago as 1780. In the first race, which the Lord Derby of that day arranged, Sir Charles Bunbury won with his chestnut colt Diomed. The first Royal victory was in 1788, when the "First Gentleman in Europe" won with Sir Thomas. The race has been run in a hurricane which blew booths and tents over the course; it has been run, albeit omen, after a snowstorm. In its first year the distance was only a mile, but the winning post of 1780 stood where the winning post stands to-day, and though we may wonder what the eighteenth century sportsmen would have thought of the crowds and the motor-cars of to-day, though London has so devoured the country that to go to the Derby by road is to drive through a continuous town, though the old humours of that journey have been destroyed by the speed of modern traffic, still the fair on the Hill is busily merry as it was when Frith painted his record of a Victorian Derby, and those who watch from the Grand Stand still look upon the same landscape of green down and woodland and distant spire as the sportsmen of 1780 saw when they planned the race. Our British love of horse-racing is indeed much older than the Derby. King James I. had his jockeys and bought bloodstock. Mr. Pepys saw races on the downs above Epsom wells, and, like a good fellow, let his clerk go and see them when he could not get away himself. Charles II. took his Court to Newmarket, and the Rowley Mile—for he was called Old Rowley after his favourite hack—still preserves the memory of his love of the turf. Before his century was out all England had learnt the thrill of racing, and there were meetings all over the country.

The moralists may condemn racing because it encourages gaming—so long ago as 1180 the Bishop of Châlons declared gaming "mother of lies and perjuries"—but we have, the highest authority, Charles Lamb; not less, that man is a gaming animal. In the Homeland they do not face this fact honestly. They defend racing primarily because it improves the stock. Out here we are (willy-nilly) franker. We make no pretensions about improving our quaint little China ponies. We accept their performances in the same way that we accept the social intercourse, and the band—as very pleasant incidents! But only as incidents. The flutter's the thing. Our chief object is to make ten dollars grow where only one grew before, and in seeking to do this we secure immense pleasure, delicious excitement.

Yet further charm, before the Goddess of Chance we are all largely equal. True, the tois may bring bigger returns to the heavier investor (though also it may not) but only one ticket can

and Mexico; and all the States of Europe except Germany and Russia. The record of the League is an open book. The first minutes of all meetings of the Council, public or private or secret meetings, are made available to the public immediately. Compare this with the recent Conference of Ambassadors at Paris in withholding the report of the Commission of Inquiry on the basis of which the indemnity of 50,000,000 lire was awarded to be paid by Greece to Italy. The League has functioned most successfully in certain cases to discourage a resort to war. Perhaps Sweden and Finland were never in danger of fighting about the Åland Islands question; but let it be noted that that very ugly dispute has passed into history. It was settled by the League. The League's mediation in upper Silesia to mark the boundary between Germany and Poland has proved a measurable success. Jugo-Slavia withdrew her troops from Albania at the behest of the Council of the League. In the case of Italy, Greece and Corfu which is probably the most vital of the antagonistic crises' argument it can be said that the League undoubtedly exercised a palliating influence to prevent a possible war between Greece and Italy. The League may only be a half a League, but as someone has said it is half a League onward.

The League.

Critics are so fond of telling us what the League of Nations has not done or not been able to do, that a thought of what it has actually done may not be out of place. The League became four years old on January 10th last. At the age of four the infant League is a sound healthy, growing and promising child. When the League came into being it had eighteen members. Promptly, however, every invited State that had been neutral in the war (except Ecuador) enrolled itself. When the first Assembly met in November, 1920, there were 42 members. Six more States were admitted, including one of the "ex-enemy States." At the second Assembly, in 1921, three States were admitted. The third Assembly admitted Hungary, the fifty-second member. Abyssinia and the Irish Free State were admitted by the fourth Assembly in 1923. During this period no member withdrew from the League. Argentina withdrew her delegates from the first Assembly but still retained her League membership. On its fourth birthday the 54 members of the League include all the States of Asia except Afghanistan and Turkey; all the Independent States of Africa (with the possible exception of Egypt); all the States of Latin America except the Dominican Republic, Ecuador,

and Mexico; and all the States of Europe except Germany and Russia. The record of the League is an open book. The first minutes of all meetings of the Council, public or private or secret meetings, are made available to the public immediately. Compare this with the recent Conference of Ambassadors at Paris in withholding the report of the Commission of Inquiry on the basis of which the indemnity of 50,000,000 lire was awarded to be paid by Greece to Italy. The League has functioned most successfully in certain cases to discourage a resort to war. Perhaps Sweden and Finland were never in danger of fighting about the Åland Islands question; but let it be noted that that very ugly dispute has passed into history. It was settled by the League. The League's mediation in upper Silesia to mark the boundary between Germany and Poland has proved a measurable success. Jugo-Slavia withdrew her troops from Albania at the behest of the Council of the League. In the case of Italy, Greece and Corfu which is probably the most vital of the antagonistic crises' argument it can be said that the League undoubtedly exercised a palliating influence to prevent a possible war between Greece and Italy. The League may only be a half a League, but as someone has said it is half a League onward.

"A MISCHIEVOUS INSTRUMENT."

The micro-phonous phone which Mr. Lloyd George held in his hand when addressing a crowd of 30,000 people in the Town Hall Square at Rochdale, says the London Times, gave rise to an amusing incident. He was developing an anti-protectionist argument from the history of Lancashire. "John Bright's victory was a Lancashire victory," he declared, and then remarked in an aside: "What about Cobden, was he Lancashire?" The aside was heard all over the square, and the great roar of laughter intimidated to the speaker what had occurred. "This is a mischievous instrument," he commented. "I wondered whether you heard it."

Since we penned our reference to the Eiffel Tower and mentioned that it was likely to be the last construction of its kind ever to be built, we have come across the opinion of William Morris on that structure. He was once in a company of artists who were heartily abusing the Eiffel Tower. To their surprise, Morris asserted that he never failed to climb the tower when in Paris. His explanation was satisfactory. "When you are on top you are on the only spot in Paris where you can't see the damned thing."

Evidence reaches us almost daily of the distance the China Mail travels. The latest evidence is from the Musical Courier of New York, one of the greatest musical journals in the world which recently published the China Mail's appreciation of young Emil Danenberg as follows:

Professor Danenberg's youngest son we confess, gives us furiously to think. Here is a boy, six years old, with only about nine months' tuition to his credit, able to play the piano with all the aplomb, expression, insight, and brilliance given to but few. His repertoire consists of no fewer than 74 pieces, all played from memory. It was our privilege, the other day to listen to the youthful executant for the first time; to watch the chubby fingers almost race over the keys, and to listen to music that like Lincoln, is for the ages. His feet as yet do not reach the pedals, and a contrivance has to be fixed to enable him to make use of these necessary aids to correct pianoforte playing. He improvises also. His memory is obviously outside the ordinary, and his interest in music stamps him as being born to the wonderful art of music. Lessons in harmony may mean the unearthing of powers of composition which we hope shall be for the benefit of the whole world. And yet it was but by a mere accident that the inherent talent was discovered and its manipulation being the first discovery of the young boy's aptitude. Hongkong will have an early opportunity of listening to his prowess, and will certainly wish that those early manifestations of genius will blossom forth into something lasting. Who knows, here may be another Chopin or a Beethoven.

GAMBLING.

The British North Borneo Herald is our authority for the following extracts from an essay on gambling contributed by a candidate at the recent Lament Examination:

ESSAY ON GAMBLING.

Gambling is an offensive vice and it is sure to yet to trouble and punish us; therefore, the intention of suicide is often

When they gain plenty of money they went to the Bar shop to have a drink, and sometimes they drunk.

Because when usual to play which I hear very sorry for eat and usual carry goods bring to the pawn shop.

Gambling causes much injurious works, family men when lost in gambling come home to their wives and children with scornful looks and words to make up a scandalous quarrel, quarrel to blowing.

Despite our FETTERED oligarchic form of government we enjoy privileges which seem to be unheard of at Home. We read that it has been decided that the sale of cigarettes after 8 p.m. is legal so long as the supply comes from an automatic machine. If they are handed over the counter it is a crime. This is probably a war measure. Its absurdity seems beyond all reason and a reflection on present day intelligence.

HONGKONG, CHINA.

Those who receive letters from "distant parts" are urged to ask their correspondents to address their missives simply to Hongkong. Many add the word China and the result is that a harassed and bewildered postal official—probably a lady—indulges in a wild guess and adds on extra postage where an enquiry is made concerning the postage to "Hongkong, China." Hongkong is a British possession. It is a simple statement of fact, but not generally known—even in places where they sell stamps. Very often it is confused with Hankow, whilst one dear old lady invariably compares it to the sound emitted by a motor-car. "Hongkong China" is not correct. Such a designation is really an insult to Hongkong. "Hongkong, near China" might do, but this again is a waste of time and good ink, and "floor space" on an envelope.

To-day's Poem.

(A Song.)

Oh, sing a song of Hongkong Town
And masts against the sky,
Of great ships sailing up and down,
And steamers passing by.

A song of narrow, winding streets
Where buildings graciously
Go down to where the Harbour meets
The busy, crowded Quay.

Of pretty girls with dancing eyes,
And silken ankles neat,
Of headlands green, and azure skies,
And flowers in the street.

Where 'trams go clanging to and fro,
And busy motors rush,
Till that soft hour, when, lights aglow,
The evening whispers, "Hush!"

Now, twinkling gaily everywhere,
The stars begin to shine,
She's young, and gay, and very fair,
This Hongkong Town of mine!

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 20.

1711. It snows terribly again, and 'tis mistaken, for now I want a little good weather.
—Swift.

TRUTH WILL OUT.

In Europe we know that an age is dying. Here in America it would be easy to miss the signs of coming change, but I have little doubt that it will come. A realization of the aimlessness of life lived to labour and to die, having achieved nothing but avoided starvation, and of the birth of children, also doomed to the weary treadmill, has seared the minds of millions. Sir Auckland Geddes.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 20.—Concert Theatre: "Charles Ray in 'The Girl I Loved'."

February 20.—Star Theatre: "One Exciting Night."

February 20.—World Theatre: Reginald Denny in "The Abyssinian Boy."

February 21.—Theatre Royal: The Quaints in "Underground Anywhere," 9.15 p.m.

February 21.—At City Hall: Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.K., 9.30 p.m.

March 1.—St. David's Society: Dinner.

SPORTS.

February 20-23. Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting.

March 2.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Asscn.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

February 26.—Lammett Bros., at Clavadel, 298 The Peak, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 p.m.

February 25.—Thirty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11 a.m.

February 28.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., 11 a.m.

INTERPORT SHOOTING.

HONGKONG V SHANGHAI.

SCOTTISH COMPANIES COMPETING.

Thanks to the enterprise of keen shots in Hongkong and Shanghai, led by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chief of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, and Captain Alastair Campbell, Officer Commanding the Shanghai Scottish, an entirely new departure is being made in interport history with a shooting contest between the Hongkong and the Shanghai Scottish Volunteers. Each Company is to shoot off on a given date, and results are to be exchanged by cable.

Subject to confirmation from the Northern port, Hongkong will shoot off at Taikoo on Sunday afternoon next. The conditions as at present arranged are for ten men a side, shooting part two of the musketry course for trained soldiers, all to count.

It is hoped that Shanghai will be able to shoot off the same day, at the Shanghai Volunteer Corps Range.

Hongkong is very hopeful of winning, because the local Scottish team includes some of the best shots in the Colony. Amongst these may be mentioned, Swan, Goodman, Logan, and Young.

This is the first interport contest of any kind arranged between the Hongkong and the Shanghai Volunteers, and it is hoped to make the event an annual one for a trophy to be held by the winning side for the year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New York, February 18.

Thirteen lives were lost in a fire in a tenement house in the Ghetto district to-night. Some of the inmates were burned to death in their beds. —Reuter.

A lantern lecture will be given at the Helena May Institute on Monday, February 25, at 5.30 p.m., by H. Gordon Thompson Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Subject: "Along the Tibetan Border." All are welcome. The Pathé University Machine will be used on this occasion. —Advt.

A new motor-trolley company, to operate on the Peninsula and the New Territories, is mentioned in Chinese business circles this morning. It is stated that shares up to \$300,000 are being called for and that the service will include, Shatin, Taipei, Sheungshui, and Up Long, with headquarters in Kowloon.

Mr. Frederick Mason A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., new organist at St. John's Cathedral gave his first recital at the Cathedral last night. A well selected programme including excerpts from Brahms, Schumann, Wagner, Dvorak, Hamish MacCunn and others, was highly appreciated. Mrs. N. Mathieson contributed pleasing solos.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral, on February 18, at 3 p.m., the bride and bridegroom being Miss Millicent Nicholl and Lieut. Richard R. Beauchamp, R.N. The Revs. Cooley Moyle and T. B. Edkins, were attended by the Misses Nancy Cabitt, Betty Brown, and Valerie Goodfellow as bridesmaids, and Masters David Edkins and David Beavis as page. The bride's dress was of white georgette with a white lace train. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Squadron Leader C. F. Gordon, O.B.E., D.R.C., D.S.C., R.A.F. A reception was held after the wedding at "The Peak," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOD.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—A Chaplain in preaching on Sunday evening at the Cathedral about the Prodigal Son made a very unnecessary reference to a very sad incident which happened recently. He said that if a man realises he is going to the dogs (or words to that effect) there are only two things to do viz: either damn the East and all its falseness and shoot himself or to turn over a new leaf. This struck me and my friends as very bad form and I could not help wondering if the Chaplain himself had the faintest idea of what it is to be up against it, did he know the full circumstances and has he any reverence for the dead? I do not go to Church often and unfortunately I have heard this same young lad of a Chaplain on three occasions and every time I felt that I do not go to Church to be amused with cheap slang but to worship and to receive sound instruction and encouragement. In the Church of England we expect straight talking, and reverence and dignity. Slang sounds smart and funny perhaps but it does not last and the meanest man has no use for it in Church. In Hongkong we wonder why people don't go to Church; it is because people want feeding with instruction on religious subjects of all kinds and all they get at present is either cheap slangy sermons with no weight or tame "out dates." Could not we have some sermons occasionally with some learning and thinking in them? I have heard that there are Chaplains in Hongkong who can oblige with such. Do not think that the ordinary man has no brains; the present Labour Government is rather a surprise to most people. Jesus said "Feed my sheep." We would be rather surprised if we read that he tried to be funny to attract or that he was content "to mug along" in the old way. Excuse my slang but I want the chaplain to understand this letter.

Yours etc.,

MAN IN THE PEW.

Hongkong, February 19.

RESTLESS CANTON.

SUN YAT-SEN'S LATEST TROUBLE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 19.

Speculation is rife as to what Dr. Sun Yat-sen will do to appease the various hordes of mercenaries which have flocked to his banner from different Southern provinces. The Hunan troops now number about 10,000 and their attitude is regarded as aggressive by the Yunnans who have hitherto made hay while the sun shone. Apparently the Hunans have an eye on the gambling and other revenues and have refused to move to the East River even on a promised payment of \$200,000.

That a serious undertone prevails is evident from the alarming reports in the vernacular press, some papers going so far as to hint open mutiny. One thing, however, seems certain, and that is Dr. Sun's military power is now much stronger than at the time of the last East River Campaign, and as yet the offensive has not been taken against even any of his smaller opponents in the province.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

PRESENTATIONS TO SIR WM. BRUNYATE.

The undergraduates of the Hongkong University gave a concert in the University Hall last night in honour of Mr. W. W. Hornell, the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, the retiring Vice-Chancellor, and Sir Charles Eliot, the ex-Vice-Chancellor. Sir Charles was unable to attend.

At the conclusion of an enjoyable concert contributed to by Dr. John Fenton, Miss Adelina Remedios, Messrs B. C. Lee, L. E. Ho, T. K. Kwok, K. T. Khoo, Chan, Ong, and Dr. Sousa presentations were made to Sir William Brunyate, and the teaching staff, Mr. B. C. Lee, Chairman of the Students' Union, presented to the retiring Vice-Chancellor two handsome silver vases and an inscription banner and the presentation by the teaching staff, made by Professor Middleton-Smith, was a beautiful silver bowl.

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MUD AND SLUSH.

HONGKONG'S RACING CARNIVAL OPENS.

SATISFACTORY PARIMUTUEL DIVIDENDS.

SMALLER SUPPORT FOR CASH SWEEPS.

Despite the depressing weather conditions racing enthusiasts went down to Happy Valley today with a good heart, prepared to make the best of things and to get as much enjoyment as might be out of the 1934 race meeting.

Skies that were dull and leaden gave little hope that the promise of yesterday's burst of sunshine would be fulfilled. Smart showers in the early part of the morning put the finishing touch on the already miry track and the course, viewed from the pressbox before the start of the first race was a woeful sight. Great lakes of water lay everywhere and the tracks were simply patches of mud and slush. A sorry setting this for the Colony's annual racing carnival but racegoers are an optimistic lot and in tackling the problem of selecting the day's winners they were able to console themselves with the reflection that the difficult conditions under which the ponies were running added if anything to the glorious uncertainties of the sport.

With commendable fortitude a number of ladies braved the mire, exposing new frocks to all sorts of perils, and came along in time for the opening race. On the lawn—only a courtesy title under present conditions—the Band of the East Surrey Regiment tried valiantly to make up for the gloominess of the weather by playing lively airs.

About ten minutes before the first race, His Excellency the Governor arrived, accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., and was met by Sir Paul Chater on behalf of the Stewards.

At the Course.

Shortly before noon, prospects did not seem at all inviting but the sun did peep out from behind the hills before the afternoon was only to be expected, the going was heavy with the result that times were decidedly on the slow side. Water covered parts of the track rendering it treacherous, particularly at the first turn from the winning post. Nevertheless, all entered into the spirit of the occasion, jockeys smilingly steering their mounts through the mud and back to the paddock or weighing-room.

That the weather did have its way to some extent is revealed in the reduced totals during the morning's cash sweeps and parimutuel. This may have been due to today being the 16th of the 1st month in the Chinese calendar—the anniversary of the catastrophe several years ago.

In the afternoon, a good many people found their way down and the cash sweeps attained to figures usually seen in previous years.

The Ponies' Running.

As in previous years, the "sub" griffins provided the biggest fields and the "old" ponies, the smallest. Fifteen faced the starter in the opening race and sixteen were saddled for the fourth race.

All the Derby "probables" were sent out in the Trial Plate, the surmise being that trainers feel that their ponies could do with a spirited gallop before the big event tomorrow.

None of the three ponies with big Shanghai reputations—Cock of the North, Christmas Card and Thomas a Becket—were sent out in either the Foochow Cup, over two miles, or the "subs," on "soft feeding" were saddled a second time in the day.

The Winners.

To Mrs. Bernard belongs the honour of annexing first and second places in the opening race. Mr. Bagram's sturdy little Gyp, trained by Currie and ridden by Vida, was made favourite for the Maidens. He won and in doing so, beat the big Dark Mouse and Brackenfield, considered the second best in the "field" stable.

Spotted Sand bore out our contention yesterday that he is in the pink of condition, was still an excellent pony on the mud, and would win races up to a mile, by romping home in the Victoria Stakes.

Hill got his second winner of the day and also shortened King Canute's odds in the parimutuel but his backers were satisfied. Amongst good ponies beaten in this race were The Wink, Pet Mouse, Durlan and Chico who did not seem to like the heavy going.

Ideal Dahlia, last year's Derby winner, was beaten in the two-mile race by Kupt. The Trial Plate, which owners and trainers look to as an indication of what will happen in the Derby, brought out ten ponies. Sir Paul's stable, favoured in the ante-post market, was represented by Magnificent Dahlia and Charm Dahlia, great chags being

expected of the former, but neither was placed. Musketeer also disappointed as did Silver Leaf which was ridden by Zellenzky and not Soares. Courtfield, Messrs. Morriss and Marshall's best, won by three lengths, and was followed home by two outsiders in Grey Dragon and Mopoke.

Shanghai Jockeys Win. With their extra experience and greater racing facilities, it was only to be expected that the Shanghai jockeys would monopolise the wins. In most races they comprised at least two of the three placed riders but local jockeys were particularly elated over the success of Mr. Zellenzky.

Seventh Race Re-run. Through a misunderstanding, Rialto Star (Mr. Knoll) and The Wink (Mr. Moller) did not start in the seventh race—the Garrison Cup—although their numbers were up on the board. When the other seven ponies had completed the distance, King Alfred (Mr. Hill), Yellow River (Mr. Zellenzky) and Roman Bay (Mr. Charles) were announced as first, second and third. The parimutuel was not given but the Cash Sweep was put up on that result. The Stewards at once held a meeting when it was decided to re-run the race at the end of the day.

After a while it was announced that the owners had withdrawn their objections and the result therefore stood. Parimutuel money on Rialto Star and The Wink was returned.

The officials were: Patron: His Excellency Sir K. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G. Honorary Stewards: His Excellency Admiral Sir Arthur C. Jackson, K.C.B., His Excellency Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G., LL.D.; Commodore H.E. Grace, R.N.

Stewards: The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, C. Boyd, Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Dr. C. Forsyth, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Henry Humphreys.

Stewards-in-Charge of the Scale: Messrs. H. Humphreys and R. M. Dyer. Judge: Mr. D. M. Ross. Assistant Judge: Mr. D. E. Clarke. Starter: Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Hall Brutton. Second Starter: Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Stewards-in-Charge of Paddock: Mr. H. P. White, Dr. C. Forsyth and Mr. C. C. Boyd. Handicappers: Messrs. M. T. Johnson and F. Sutton.

Stewards-in-Charge of Parimutuel: Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen.

Time Keeper: Mr. A. A. Alves. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. C. Forsyth. Secretary: Mr. C. Bernard Brown.

Treasurers: Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Clerk of the Course: Mr. F. Sutton.

1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$5. Half a Mile.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$33.30. Places—1st, \$12.50. 2nd, \$33.00. 3rd, \$9.00.

Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 364 1st \$1,086.40. " 288 2nd \$310.40. " 522 3rd \$155.20. Unplaced ponies \$260.00. Commission \$453.00.

Total \$2,265.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 42, 222, 201, 183, 336, 138, 101, 393, 339, 142, 236, 64, 435. Mrs. Bernard's Speargrass, 152lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 1. Mrs. Bernard's Cottongrass, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 2. Mr. Kakchion's Masu, 151lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3.

Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Idealist, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0. Mr. Bagram's Roman Bay, 152lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. Dowbiggin's Sandman, 150lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Rannoch, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0. Mr. Dynasty's King Arthur, 154lb. (Mr. Hill) 0. Dr. Forsyth's Hurry Off, 155lb. (Mr. Sewell) 0. Messrs. Hosie & Cock's Bank-rikie, 155lb. (Mr. Palmer) 0. Mr. McKeth's What to do, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0.

2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1923-1924 allowed 7lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$9.30. Places—1st, \$3.40. 2nd, \$6.00. 3rd, \$5.30. Brackenfield, 153lb. (Mr. George) 1. Uncle George, 153lb. (Mr. George) 2. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 344 1st \$1,454.40. " 33 2nd \$418.40. " 253 3rd \$209.20. Unplaced ponies \$100.00. Commission \$548.00.

Total \$2,740.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 303, 241, 419, 305, 379. Mr. Bagram's Gyp, 150lb. (Mr. Vida) 1. Mr. Henry Humphreys's Dark Mouse, 164lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Messrs. Morriss and Marshall's Brackenfield, 153lb. (Mr. Hill) 3. Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late Olive Leaf), 149lb. (Mr. Harriman) 3. Mr. B. Basto's Narcissus, 152lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Katrine, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Nagar, 152lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Sir Paul's Eclipse Dahlia, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0.

*—Dead Heat. A Head. A Length. Time 1:37 3/5. 3.—THE VICTORIA STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Bona fide Griffins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$13.80. Places—1st, \$7.70. 2nd, \$10.10. 3rd, \$3.70. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 83 1st \$1,645.60. " 140 2nd \$450.60. " 498 3rd \$234.80. Unplaced ponies \$40.00. Commission \$507.00.

Total \$2,985.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 358, 147. Mr. Dynasty's Spotted Sand, 155lb. (Mr. Hill) 1. Messrs. Stephen & Stitt's Benz, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 2. Mr. H. Birkett's Sunstar, 149lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3. Sir Paul's Honesty Dahlia, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Sir Paul's Peerless Dahlia, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. A length. A length and a half. Time 2:14 2/5 sec.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$12.70. Places—1st, \$7.20. 2nd, \$9.80. 3rd, \$27.10. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 187 1st \$1,890.00. " 724 2nd \$540.00. " 204 3rd \$270.00. Unplaced ponies \$260.00. Commission \$740.00.

Total \$3,700.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 199, 292, 716, 369, 551, 458, 700, 163, 413, 497, 501, 280, 235. Mr. Dynasty's King Canute, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1. Mr. Dyer's Loch Rannoch, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 2. Mr. Topsides's Mountain Hawk, 152lb. (Mr. Burkill) 3. Mr. Alvanton's Goom Rock, 158lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0. Mr. B. Basto's Nestor, 155lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. H. Birkett's Arctic Star, 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Mr. Brothers' Jungle Cook, 155lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. Goodie's The Wink, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. Messrs. Hosie & Cock's Wattman, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Mr. Henry Humphreys's Pet Mouse, 152lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0. Mr. John Peel's Shu River, 155lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mrs. J. M. D'Almada Remedios' Gutter Snipe, 152lb. (Mr. Soares) 0. Mr. E. Rouillon's Dan, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0. Lady Severn's Durlan, 158lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Lady Severn's Lannet, 155lb. (Mr. Gibeon) 0. Mrs. Stephen's Chico, 155lb. (Mr. Brand) 0.

Mr. Pantomime's Panchinello (late Cassia River), 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Lady Severn's Duku, 155lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. Topsides's Mountain Hawk, 154lb. (Mr. Bartholomew) 0. Mr. Wayfoong's Unusual, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 0.

A length and a half, a length. Time 1:04 2/5.

5.—THE FOOCHOW CUP.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have run at any previous Official Meeting and not won a race and Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. Two Miles.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$11.00. Places—1st, \$6.30. 2nd, \$6.00. 3rd, \$11.30. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 754 1st \$2,842.00. " 217 2nd \$812.00. " 727 3rd \$406.00. Unplaced ponies \$60.00. Commission \$1,030.00.

Total \$5,150.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 369, 126, 472. Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Kupt, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Sir Paul's Ideal Dahlia, 161lb. (Mr. Moller) 2. Messrs. Soares and D'Almada Remedios' Kennington, 155lb. (Mr. Soares) 3. Mr. Relyon's Uncle Bob (late White Star Dahlia), 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0. Mrs. Bernard's Rivergrass (late Priornuir), 153lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. A. H. Carroll's Clover Leaf, 150lb. (Mr. Sewell) 0. A length and a half, 5 lengths. Time 4:45 3/5.

6.—THE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner \$800. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 7lb. extra. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. Allowances accumulative. One Mile and a quarter.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$8.60. Places—1st, \$6.70. 2nd, \$13.60. 3rd, \$31.80. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 588 1st \$3,200.40. " 1077 2nd \$944.40. " 438 3rd \$457.20. Unplaced ponies \$140.00. Commission \$1,178.00.

Total \$5,890.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 405, 856, 947, 304, 422, 1095, 160. Messrs. Morriss and Marshall's Courtfield, 155lb. (Mr. Hill) 1. Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Grey Dragon, 155lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Dr. F. H. Kew's Mopoke 151 lb. (Mr. Charles) 3. Mr. A. A. Alves' Musketeer, 155lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Bill's Sovereign Bill (late Roman Eagle), 158lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. A. H. Carroll's Silver Leaf, 158lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Sir Paul's Magnificent, 158lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0. Sir Paul's Charm Dahlia, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Mr. Relyon's Uncle Bill (late Laurel Leaf), 153lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0. Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Gaudie, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 0. Three lengths. A neck. Time 2:53 3/5.

7.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison, \$400 added for Winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Official Meeting of one Race 7lb.; of more than one 10lb.; at this Meeting 3lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$10.50. Places—1st, \$5.50. 2nd, \$5.50. 3rd, \$7.00. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 758 1st \$3,189.20. " 299 2nd \$911.20. " 62 3rd \$455.60. Unplaced ponies \$120.00. Commission \$1,169.00.

Total \$5,845.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 350, 694, 113, 1092, 955, 849. Mr. Dynasty's King Alfred, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1. Mr. John Peel's Yellow River, 168lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 2. Mr. Bagram's Roman Bay, 150lb. (Mr. Charles) 3. Mr. Goodie's The Wink, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. Mr. H. Birkett's Rialto Star, 155lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0. Mr. Black's Blue Dan, 150lb. (Mr. Hall) 0. Mr. Mauk's Unfailable, 157lb. (Mr. Palmer) 0. Mr. McKeth's Unkno, 158lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Mr. Relyon's Chico, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0.

8.—THE CHATER CUP.—Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies that have run in at least two Gymkhana Meetings in Hongkong during the Season 1923. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner during 1923 of one race 5lb., of two Races 7lb., of three or more Races 10lb. penalty. Ponies that have started and never been placed in an Official Race allowed 10lb. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$10.00. Places—1st, \$5.30. 2nd, \$5.80. 3rd, \$5.30. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 521 1st \$2,816.80. " 212 2nd \$603.60. " 359 3rd \$603.60. Unplaced ponies \$100.00. Commission \$1,031.00.

Total \$5,155.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 599, 359, 75, 836, 509. Mr. C. C. Boyd's Ramsbury (late Roman Pride), 165lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Mr. A. H. Carroll's Fern Leaf (late Silvaplana), 168lb. (Mr. Soares) 2. Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Pencil, 157lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Aviemuir), 160lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. A. A. Alves' Starland, 162lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Bill's Silver Bill (late Australboy), 163 lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late Oliver Leaf), 149lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. R. J. Wilton's Arizona, 154lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0.

*—Dead Heat. Five Lengths. Time 2:29 3/5. 9.—THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. Winners at this Meeting 5lb. extra. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$8.00. Places—1st, \$5.60. 2nd, \$6.10. 3rd, \$6.10. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 111 1st \$2,483.50. " 279 2nd \$709.60. " 242 3rd \$354.80. Unplaced ponies \$40.00. Commission \$897.00.

Total \$4,485.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 482, 597. Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Cock o' the North, 158lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Sir Paul's Fascination Dahlia (late Thomas a Becket), 158lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2. Sir Paul's Valiant Dahlia, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3. Mr. Cornish's Epsom, 150lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. Dynasty's King Johnnie, 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Mrs. J. M. D'Almada Remedios' Give Legh, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Time 2:40 3/5. (Continued on page 18.)

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Parimutuel—Winner, \$10.50. Places—1st, \$5.50. 2nd, \$5.50. 3rd, \$7.00. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 758 1st \$3,189.20. " 299 2nd \$911.20. " 62 3rd \$455.60. Unplaced ponies \$120.00. Commission \$1,169.00.

Total \$5,845.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 350, 694, 113, 1092, 955, 849. Mr. Dynasty's King Alfred, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1. Mr. John Peel's Yellow River, 168lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 2. Mr. Bagram's Roman Bay, 150lb. (Mr. Charles) 3. Mr. Goodie's The Wink, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. Mr. H. Birkett's Rialto Star, 155lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0. Mr. Black's Blue Dan, 150lb. (Mr. Hall) 0. Mr. Mauk's Unfailable, 157lb. (Mr. Palmer) 0. Mr. McKeth's Unkno, 158lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Mr. Relyon's Chico, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0.

8.—THE CHATER CUP.—Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies that have run in at least two Gymkhana Meetings in Hongkong during the Season 1923. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner during 1923 of one race 5lb., of two Races 7lb., of three or more Races 10lb. penalty. Ponies that have started and never been placed in an Official Race allowed 10lb. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$10.00. Places—1st, \$5.30. 2nd, \$5.80. 3rd, \$5.30. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 521 1st \$2,816.80. " 212 2nd \$603.60. " 359 3rd \$603.60. Unplaced ponies \$100.00. Commission \$1,031.00.

Total \$5,155.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 599, 359, 75, 836, 509. Mr. C. C. Boyd's Ramsbury (late Roman Pride), 165lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Mr. A. H. Carroll's Fern Leaf (late Silvaplana), 168lb. (Mr. Soares) 2. Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Pencil, 157lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Aviemuir), 160lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. A. A. Alves' Starland, 162lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Bill's Silver Bill (late Australboy), 163 lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late Oliver Leaf), 149lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. R. J. Wilton's Arizona, 154lb. (Mr. Harriman) 0.

*—Dead Heat. Five Lengths. Time 2:29 3/5. 9.—THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. Winners at this Meeting 5lb. extra. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Parimutuel—Winner, \$8.00. Places—1st, \$5.60. 2nd, \$6.10. 3rd, \$6.10. Cash Sweep—Ticket No. 111 1st \$2,483.50. " 279 2nd \$709.60. " 242 3rd \$354.80. Unplaced ponies \$40.00. Commission \$897.00.

Total \$4,485.00. Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 482, 597. Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Cock o' the North, 158lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Sir Paul's Fascination Dahlia (late Thomas a Becket), 158lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2. Sir Paul's Valiant Dahlia, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3. Mr. Cornish's Epsom, 150lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. Dynasty's King Johnnie, 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Mrs. J. M. D'Almada Remedios' Give Legh, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Time 2:40 3/5. (Continued on page 18.)

FINAL EDITION NEWS.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

MEXICO CITY, February 20. Federal troops have occupied Morelia without fighting. COAL INDUSTRY PEACE. JACKSONVILLE, February 19. An agreement has been reached providing for renewal of the present bituminous coal terms.

The miners' union has declared that it has laid the groundwork for peace in the coal industry and the continuous supply of fuel for at least three years.

GERMAN POLITICS.

BERLIN, February 19. Dissolution of the Reichstag is expected next week in consequence of the Social Democrats' opposition to the emergency powers act in its present form.

ITALY AND YUGO-SLAVIA.

(Reuter's General Service.)

BELGRADE, February 19. The Chamber has ratified the agreement between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. T. R. Hughes, K.C., the first meeting of the Court of Inquiry into the question of the capitulation fees paid to medical practitioners under the National Health Insurance Acts was held at the Ministry of Health.

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A THRILLING NARRATIVE.

DR. THOMPSON ON THE BORDERS OF TIBET.

Dr. Gordon Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.S. thrilled his audience at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night with the story of his travels near the Tibetan border on the tragic expedition which brought the death of Brig-General Pereira, the famous Tibetan explorer. Dr. Thompson also described his capture by bandits and how he escaped. The narrative was made all the more absorbing by a series of lantern slides illustrating the beautiful scenery of the unexplored country. Sir Claude Severn presided over a gathering which packed the hall. Dr. Thompson said he left Yunnanfu with Brigadier-General Pereira on July 17 last, with the object of travelling along the Tibetan border, that is to say, across the extreme west of the provinces of Yunnan, Szechuan and Kansu. The journey was mapped out in five sections: Yunnanfu to Likiang, Likiang to Batang, Batang to Paotao, and thence to Peking. On arrival at Likiang, the party secured fresh transport and mules and from then onwards had Tibetan muleteers. Likiang is the old Mosu capital, and the lecturer observed that it was most interesting to see the Mosu people in their peculiar dress. From Likiang, they pressed on to Atuntze, Yakalo and Batang, crossing from the watershed of the Yangtze to that of the Mekong—the two rivers, being separated only by two short days' journey. The Mekong valley differs from that of the Yangtze in that it lies in what may be called a deep cleft of rock formation. CHIEF MULETEER DIES.

In this valley a particularly virulent form of malaria fever is prevalent and the chief muleteer suddenly developed symptoms of severe fever. At this time the party was passing over a very dangerous road continuously subject to landslides. The whole side of the hill was covered with shingle and the road itself was but 12 or 15 inches wide, and from it shingle continually ratted down into the river. The sick muleteer was swaying in his saddle and every moment they expected to see him topple off his mule and toboggan into the river, but the worst part of the road was passed before he finally collapsed. Just as he fell one of the Tibetans caught him by the leg and pulled him back on to the road. The sufferer was carried into a Tibetan village and the doctor and the General spent the night nursing him, but in 36 hours he died, and was buried by the wayside.

Batang was reached 55 days after leaving Yunnanfu. Batang is some 8,000 feet above sea level, but the country between Batang and Kanze is mostly much higher plateau land averaging 13,000 to 14,000 feet elevation. Fifteen days were spent in crossing this bleak country, snow falling almost every day, with an occasional blizzard for a change. Fuel was most difficult to obtain, and what little could be got consisted of yak dung, with a little brushwood, the result being that even the Chinese cook failed under this severe test and the dishes he produced were almost inedible. This high plateau country is the source of a number of the smaller rivers which flow into the Yangtze and had never before been crossed by Europeans.

GENERAL PEREIRA'S DEATH. About four days before arriving at Kanze Brigadier-General Pereira was taken ill, but managed to keep going, and Dr. Thompson was hopeful that on arriving at Kanze at a somewhat lower level and in a warm Tibetan house instead of the thin tent he would speedily recover. About 10.30 o'clock on the last day's journey Dr. Thompson was informed by one of the men that the General had collapsed and was lying on the ground half a mile to the rear. Dr. Thompson immediately went back and found that the General had not fallen, but had dismounted and was lying on the ground. They were then only three and a half miles from Kanze. The doctor tended him for two hours at the roadside and he then became easier and managed to mount his pony, the party then carefully and slowly making its way for two miles down to the river. A coracle ferry had to be used, and with considerable difficulty and delay the river was crossed. Dr. Thompson then rigged up a camp bed with poles to form a stretcher and while transport was crossing the General had a good rest.

An attempt was made to get people to carry the bed for the remaining mile and a quarter to Kanze, but neither passers by nor the yak drivers of the party would touch the bed upon which the sick man lay. Very reluctantly the conclusion was arrived at that the only way to reach Kanze would be to help him on to his pony, and thus very slowly the "four" was reached. The doctor had sent a Tibetan boy ahead to find shelter and "prepare" a camp—bed and food, water, and all was ready when the party arrived in the evening.

CURSE OF WAR.

FURTHER DISARMAMENT DELAYS.

WASHINGTON, February 18. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, in a letter to Mr. Fish, a member of the House of Representatives, declares it is not feasible at present to call an international conference on the further limitation of naval armaments.

The letter adds that as far as light cruisers, submarines and aircraft are concerned, America's position is the same as at the Washington Conference, and the difficulties of reaching an agreement have not yet been removed. An agreement on poison gas was reached at the Washington Conference, but one signatory Power has not yet ratified the treaty, and it has therefore been impossible to put it into effect.

The United States has reduced its land forces to the fullest extent practicable. Mr. Hughes incidentally expresses the hope that the European Powers will, at no distant date, find it profitable to largely reduce and limit their land armies.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Tokyo, February 18.—In a statement issued by Baron Matsui, in reply to M. Karaman's interview with Japanese correspondents at Peking, it is stated that Japan's policy vis-à-vis Russia remains unchanged. She is desirous of resuming full relations with Russia provided outstanding questions be settled.—*Reuter.*

The relief came too late, however, for although the General became more easy about midnight, a sudden change then occurred and at 1.15 a.m. he passed away. Sixteen Tibetans carried the coffin to the grave, and so he was buried under the shadow of a great Tibetan Lamastery at Kanze, in view of the range of snow-covered mountains which border the river.

DR. THOMPSON'S CAPTURE. The journey from Lanchow to Paotao was continued by cart and it was when within six hours of the railroad of the Kalgan route at Paotao when Dr. Thompson had the misfortune to encounter a band of 150, composed of ex-Chinese soldiers, Mongols and nondescript robbers. He was compelled to career about the country with them for eight days, but at last managed to get away. The first difficulty was that of getting in touch with the Chinese authorities and giving them information, and with that purpose in view, the doctor refused to take any but foreign food, knowing that this could only be secured by sending in to Paotao. After 24 hours' discussion, the bandits agreed to this request, and the doctor wrote his letter asking for food and also giving information as to his condition and whereabouts, and how he might be recognized. He thought that, if the Chinese would only keep up pressure, he might find a chance of escaping. The doctor's Chinese boy was selected as the first messenger, and before he left Dr. Thompson whispered to him a warning not to return. He did not. Two or three letters were subsequently sent in, asking for and at the same time giving information. After four days, no food arriving, Dr. Thompson suggested that the brigands should take him to some place where there might be a foreign mission.

THE ESCAPE. The brigands, fearing that Dr. Thompson was going to die, quickly agreed, and off they went with him to the Belgian Roman Catholic Mission at La Moor. The Catholic Priest there was exceedingly kind, and Dr. Thompson expressed gratitude for the help given him. The Priest did his best to negotiate with the robbers, whose terms for release were: 1,000 rifles, four machine guns, \$400,000 and admission to the army. After 48 hours' bargaining, Father de Wilde had to leave on a visit to a priest in captivity with another band of robbers, but that night the agent of a Chinese official contrived to bribe the doctor's guards, who came to him and helped him to get away. Travelling through the night Dr. Thompson crossed the Yellow River over the ice and reached Paotao next day, thence going forward to Peking.

Describing the medical work of the journey Dr. Thompson said, between Yunnanfu and Batang, 55 days journey, there was no doctor. At Batang there was a doctor connected with the American Mission. From Batang to Kanze and on to Lanchow there is no doctor—75 days. From Lanchow to Peking there is no medical man and all the way through Chinese tribes—people, Lamas, Mongols and European missionaries came for advice and treatment. At every place where they stopped numbers of sick were brought for treatment. At one centre where they "rested" one day, 250 patients were treated and all along the road from Yunnanfu to Peking there are sick folk who are doubtless looking back upon the visit of the doctor with gratitude.

"RAFS" ANNUAL REVEL.

A CHEERY NIGHT.

FLYING MEN FOREGATHER.

About thirty flying men who saw service aloft during the war spent a cheery evening at the Hongkong Hotel last night, the occasion being the annual Royal Air Force re-union dinner. Everyone present had been a "RAF" except one solitary pressman who tactfully, as he thought, retired after the official toast list had been gone through and the night's "stunting" threatened to begin.

The table decorations were really worth seeing. The centre had been rigged up as a miniature aerodrome with some beautiful little models of baby aeroplanes standing about and, as one speaker pointed out, a handy clump of trees at each end to crash into. This, it was announced, was the work of Messrs. Robson and Church, of the Kowloon Dock, who were present at the dinner, and were deservedly commended for their distinctly artistic effort. A touch of humour was added in the shape of large placards which were hung around the room and contained such pronouncements as "observers are not allowed to stroll around on the wings under 10,000 feet" and "no stunting with Crossleys."

Squadron Leader Gordon, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., of the Air Intelligence Staff, acted as Chairman, and after the health of the King and the "silent toast" had been drunk, he proposed the toast of "Flying Services—Past and Present." In so doing he expressed gratification that the flying service as a defensive unit was at last coming into its own, pointing out that in India and Mesopotamia airmen were taking over more and more sections of the frontier. Impromptu speeches liberally sprinkled with humorous reminiscences and witticisms at the expense of "Bolo House" followed and later there was music. It was, at any rate, a very jolly evening and if the directions contained in a confidential "Flight Order" circulated during the dinner were properly carried out there will probably be more than one individual in the Colony who will not forget the "Rafs" annual revel.

Headed "through 'Rumpetries' to promotion" (a free translation of the famous R.A.F. motto *Per ardua astra*) the humorously worded menu was as follows:—

Menu.

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"KARMALA"	8,044	5th Mar. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	8,334	11th Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"NADDERA"	8,334	17th Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"PANDU"	8,334	23rd Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SIOTIA"	8,334	29th Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KRYBER"	8,334	5th Apr. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KLORE"	8,334	11th Apr. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"CHINA"	8,334	17th Apr. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SOUHAN"	8,334	23rd Apr. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,334	29th Apr. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,334	5th May at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
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"KASHMIR"	8,334	23rd May at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,334	29th May at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
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"KASHMIR"	8,334	11th Jun. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
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"KASHMIR"	8,334	23rd Jun. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,334	29th Jun. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,334	5th Jul. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp

R. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	8,059	23rd Feb. at Noon	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKALA"	8,059	29th Feb. at Noon	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TORILLA"	8,059	5th Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"JAPAN"	8,059	11th Mar. at Noon	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

R. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	5th Mar. at Noon	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
"ARAFURA"	4,000	11th Mar. at Noon	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
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R. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KATBER"	9,014	23rd Feb. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"PADUA"	8,097	29th Feb. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"OHINA"	8,097	5th Mar. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,097	11th Mar. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NELLORE"	8,097	17th Mar. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SIOTIA"	8,097	23rd Mar. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TORILLA"	8,097	29th Mar. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KALYAN"	8,097	5th Apr. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"JAPAN"	8,097	11th Apr. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,097	17th Apr. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,097	23rd Apr. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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COMMANDER BECKWITH. RETIRING HARBOUR MASTER'S CAREER.

Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., who retires from the position of Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate of Hongkong, has had an interesting career, which has been marked by many events which will be noted in the history of the Colony. Commander Beckwith retired from the service owing to a serious breakdown in health, and it is hoped that a change of climate will speedily restore him.

Commander Beckwith was born in the year 1870, in Douglas, Isle of Man, where his father was a well-known brewer. He joined the Royal Navy in 1895 and served on the China Station as Navigating Officer on the H.M.S. "Diadem", the flagship of Admiral Sir Gerald Noddy, K.C.B. After the big typhoon of 1906, which caused the death of the Harbour Master of Hongkong, Captain Barrow Lawrence, the then Governor of Hongkong, Sir Matthew Nathan, asked Commander Beckwith's services as a practical officer who could take charge of a difficult situation and bring the Port back into working order for the exceedingly severe losses and damage it had sustained. Commander Beckwith's services were accordingly lent by the Navy, and he became acting Harbour Master of Hongkong. The period which followed was full of anxiety, 5,000 lives had been lost, practically all the lighters in the Harbour had gone, making the handling of cargo very inconvenient; there were ships to be raised all over the Harbour and beyond, even as far out as the Brothers and Pillar Point; in short, the Port was in a state of chaos. By dint of strenuous efforts over a period of three months, order was eventually restored.

Commander Beckwith, who held the appointment of Assistant Harbour Master of Hongkong at the time, and who was appointed Harbour Master while at home, returned from leave in the following month and continued his services, continuing to hold that appointment for 14 years—the longest time on record in the history of the Department. During the period he acted as Harbour Master for a period which totalled nearly nine years.

When the Great War broke out, Commander Beckwith was probably the first volunteer in the Colony, for he waited on the Governor, Sir Henry May, for permission to join the fighting forces, at ten o'clock on the morning of the 4th of August, 1914. Sir Henry May held that the Acting Harbour Master's services could not be spared, but, later on, he permitted the Harbour Master, Captain Taylor, to be seconded to the Admiralty for war service. Capt. Taylor was therefore away from the Colony from 1915 to the end of the War and Commander Beckwith carried on single handedly from 1916, when the Acting Harbour Master (Lieut. Denay, R.N.R.) died, during an exceptional, strenuous period in the history of Hongkong Harbour. War rules were drafted by the Commander in consultation with the Colonial Secretary and the Harbour Master and the movement of ships at night, examination and other matters were regulated. Commander Beckwith was Marshal of the Prize Court and had charge of all prizes that came into the Harbour—an anxious responsibility during the typhoon season. The vessels were brought in by men-o-war and moored in Kowloon Bay, each with a skeleton crew and it was a great relief when these troublesome charges were ordered to

England, where they were used as Troop Ships. In addition, the Harbour Master was appointed by Sir Henry May to be coaling officer for the Government and the Military, a ring of coal dealers having been formed in Japan. Commander Beckwith managed to break the ring and to secure during the war period something like 70,000 or 80,000 tons of coal at prices which represented a saving to the Government, on a conservative estimate, of nearly eight lakhs of dollars, as compared with prevailing market rates.

Commander Beckwith considered the best work he had been able to do in the Colony when asked the question: "Buying, classifying and relaying the commercial buoys." He explained that, in 1916, Sir Henry May requested him to form a small committee to purchase on behalf of the Government all the commercial buoys then in the Harbour. With the growth of the shipping it had become impossible to permit the continuance of the old system under which buoys were only used by ships of the Company owning them and were sometimes vacant for three weeks or a month or even more. This caused great congestion in the anchorage, while at the same time the Harbour Master was unoccupied. The Committee consisted of Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. D. Macdonald. About \$200,000 was paid for the buoys and the purchases were completed without arbitration. The Harbour Department then relaid and classified the buoys to suit the requirements of the various parts of the Harbour. In subsequent years the number of buoys was considerably increased, the 56 buoys now forming the commercial buoyage of Hongkong constitutes probably the most efficient and certainly the cheapest in the world.

"Most efficient" may seem a high claim, but, candidly, I do not know a Harbour in the world where buoys are laid to stand the strain that these buoys do in the typhoon season, which I think was proved in the August 18th typhoon when the "Empress of Australia" rode out the terrific storm at 43 buoy, while the ship's chain, not the moorings, that goes as a rule, in this Harbour. Steps are now being taken to fit a number of buoys with heavy extra typhoon-moorings so as to increase the number of safe moorings for all classes of vessels and it is hoped that these will be ready for next typhoon season.

Commander Beckwith said he estimated the shipping tonnage of the port in 1923 at 80,000,000, the largest on record. He added that a direction finder, which he had had under consideration for four years had now arrived and would soon be available for all ships and this he hoped would be of great service to vessels coming into the port in foggy weather.

Commander Beckwith was Chairman of the Hongkong Club in 1916. A letter, dated February 15, 1924, from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to Commander Beckwith, is an eloquent testimonial. It is as follows:—
Dear Sir—On behalf of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce I write to express the very great regret of the members at your impending departure from the Colony, especially as the cause is an unfortunate breakdown in health. The occasion cannot be allowed to pass without conveying to you an expression of the Chamber's full appreciation of your strenuous and untiring efforts for the benefit of the Port and of shipping during your association with the Harbour Department over the long period of eighteen years.

DIRTY WEATHER.

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HAINAN STRAITS ESCAPE.

Steamers returning to Hongkong from Haiphong and southern ports this week reported very bad weather in the Hainan Straits.

The Indo-China s.s. "Ming-sang" is now in Kowloon Dock, having touched bottom and put back to Haiphong on her last trip up. Fortunately, the damage, if any, was slight.

It is learnt that the China Navigation s.s. "Yunnan" had to anchor for some time in the Hainan Straits on account of bad weather and fog. Beyond being delayed for the time, she suffered no damage.

The s.s. "Chongva," which flies the Panama flag, was also reported aground in the Hainan Straits. Later advice states that she was able to get off and proceed to Hongkong but her condition did give cause for alarm.

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SHAMSUPO ROBBERY SEQUEL.

After a robbery, some time ago, at an unnumbered house in Sham-su-po, the police took one of the four victims who lost money and property valued at \$393, for a scrutiny in places believed to be the haunts of bad characters in the district.

This morning, Detective-Inspector T. Murphy prosecuted a Chinese before Mr. J. R. Wood and in his opening statement, said that the complainant had picked defendant out of 29 men who were in the ground floor of a tea-house. At a subsequent identification parade, the other three complainants failed to point out the accused. Accordingly, the police wished His Worship to hear evidence before applying for a remand.

For the defence, Mr. D. McCullum said he had no objection and His Worship put the case back till to-morrow.

Your work in connection with the re-organisation of moorings is specially remembered; also your valuable services during the War period, 1914-18, the status of which, it is to be feared, is in no small measure responsible for your present enforced retirement.

Members of the Chamber join with your friends in wishing you a speedy return to a substantial measure of health, and many years of happiness in retirement.—I am, Yours very truly,
(Sd.) D. G. M. BERNARD,
Chairman, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Commander Beckwith's reply, dated February 18, states:—
Dear Mr. Bernard—Thank you so much for your extremely kind letter on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce which I greatly appreciate. Situated as I am it is comforting to know that whatever work I may have done towards improving this Big Port has been appreciated by those who are best able to understand its needs.—I am, Yours very sincerely,

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Sun. 24th Feb. 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOUE	MINGSANG	Tues. 26th Feb. 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	KWANGSANG	Tues. 26th Feb. 10 a.m.
SAIGON via SWATOW	HYANGSANG	Tues. 26th Feb. 1 p.m.
TECHOU via SWATOW	WINGSANG	Wed. 27th Feb. 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TINGSANG	Fri. 29th Feb. 7 a.m.
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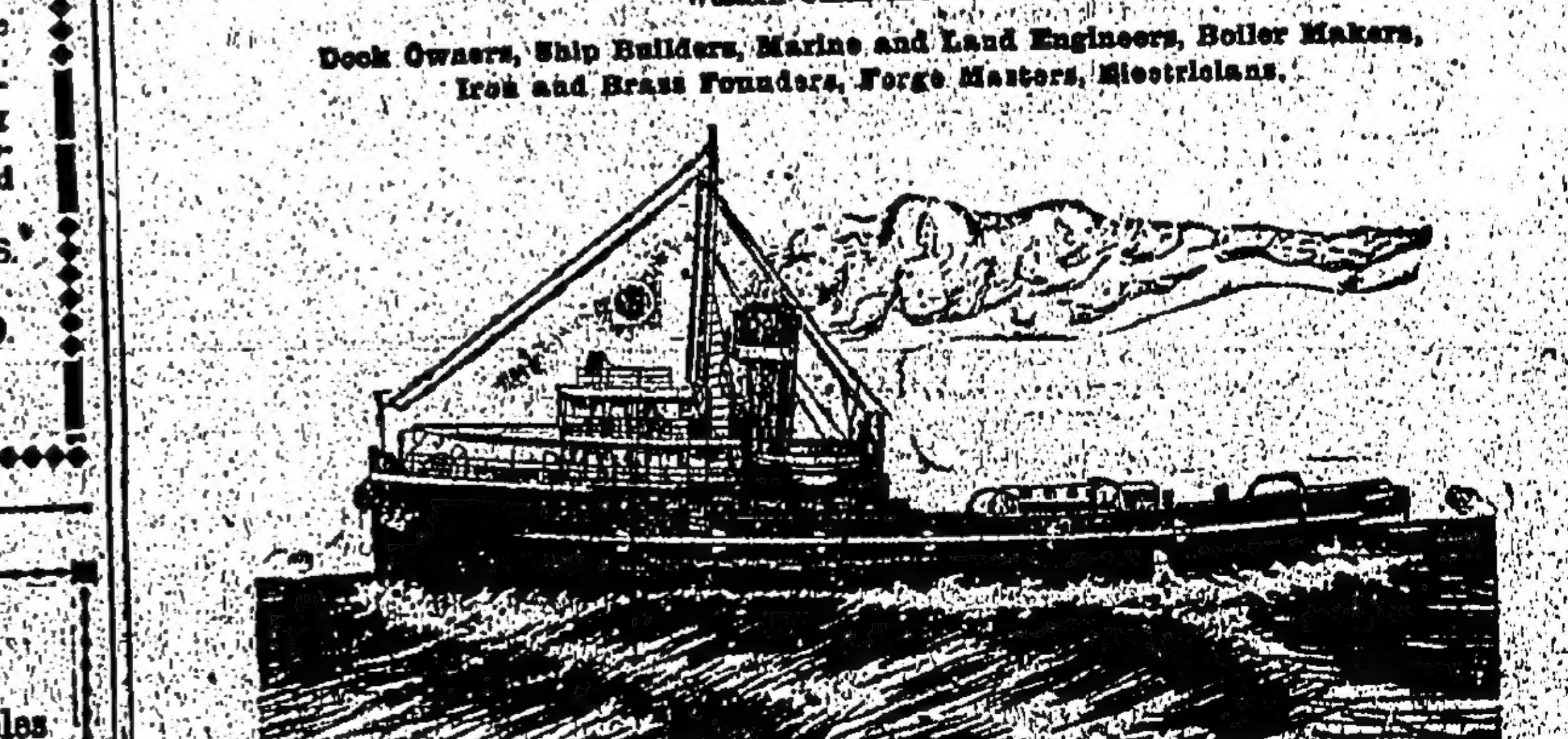
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WITNESS.

At the Supreme Court yesterday the action in which the Bank of East Asia is suing Mr. Mody, a retired exchange broker, for the sum of \$77,000, odd, again came before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C. and Mr. F. C. Jenkin represent the Bank whilst Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C. and Mr. Campbell Prosser appear for Mr. Mody.

When the case was reopened Mr. Alabaster asked for permission to recall Mr. Champion, manager of the P. & O. Banking Corporation, to answer a question regarding mercantile customs in Hongkong.

Mr. Potter objected. Mr. Alabaster, he said, desired to call new evidence. Never, throughout the whole of the case, had the other side attempted to prove mercantile custom. They deliberately omitted to call evidence to this effect. Plaintiff submitted, on the other side's plea, that there was no case to answer. "Has your Lordship," he asked, ever heard of permission being given to call evidence to make good the defects in a case?"

The Chief Justice: I understand Mr. Alabaster only wants to put a single question to the witness. Mr. Potter: That is the whole point of my contention. I have maintained that the question of mercantile customs has not been proved—the other side how admit it was up to them to prove it—so I submit they cannot go back upon their case and attempt to prove it at this stage.

The Chief Justice: This seems to be the position: You have finished your case, Mr. Alabaster, and you come forward with a submission to be allowed to obtain further evidence. I have never heard of such a case. You consider your case and submit it, you actually call expert witnesses, and then, having put your case, you propose to ask the Court to allow you, in effect, to re-open.

Mr. Alabaster: It is necessary, Your Lordship, in the interests of justice. Mr. Potter says that there is no case to answer. This, I submit, does not merely mean a "non-suit." It means penal judgment against Mr. Mody for \$77,000. Mr. Potter said nothing about the interests of justice, or the technical rules of procedure. I submit this evidence is required, in this case, in the interests of justice.

The Chief Justice: It is obviously an important matter to both sides. Suppose I reserve my decision and let the case proceed? Mr. Alabaster was in agreement with this suggestion, but Mr. Potter strongly opposed, not so much the reservation of His Lordship's decision but the submission of the point.

After further argument the Chief Justice said it seemed to him that Mr. Alabaster was asking him to be a party to an irregularity. The question was whether his Lordship should consent on the understanding that the other side might also have the right to call any fresh evidence required. Mr. Alabaster attempted to proceed with his argument on the point, but was told by the Chief Justice to leave the matter. Decision would be reserved.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, in reviewing defendant's case, said he would show that there was a case to answer. He continued to address the Court in the afternoon and the case was adjourned sine die.

EUROPEANS ROBBED.

THEFT FROM KOWLOON HOUSE.

SMART DETECTIVE WORK.

Thanks to a bit of astute detective work by two brothers named Prata who live in "Eastern House," Kowloon, an overcoat belonging to Mr. H. Greenwood together with another overcoat and a dressing gown the property of Mr. G. E. Ellams, who both reside at No. 7, Pratt Avenue, were recovered after the garments had been stolen by two Chinese youths yesterday.

Evidence was given by Henry José Prata that he was in his bath when, on looking through the window he saw defendants leaving No. 7, Pratt Avenue, each wearing overcoats and one carrying the dressing-gown. He sent his brother Mario Prata, who also gave evidence, to follow the youths. While Mario kept them under observation through Chatham and Mody Roads, he dressed and also gave chase. They took defendants into custody and the police found the owners. In the witness-box Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Ellams claimed the clothing as their respective property.

The case having been found proven, first defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and the second who had a previous conviction, to six months.

CONSIGNMENT NOTICE.

Cargo arrived per S.S. "Java" on 19th inst. and will be subject to entry. Agents—John Mackinnon & Co., Ltd.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.
(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A. J. L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which
is due at Hongkong on Feb. 22 sailed
from Amoy for Swatow on Feb. 19.
The F. & A. s.s. "Mores" left Shang-
hai for this port on Feb. 18 at 10 p.m.
and is due here on Feb. 23 at 7 a.m.

Peking, February 19.—It is
understood that Wu Yu-lin, who
proceeded to Loyang and Nan-
king this morning, is charged with
a mission to remove the friction
between Chi Hsieh-yuan and Wu
Pei-fu over the report that Wu
Pei-fu had offered Lu Xung-hsiang
the Vice Presidency, to which Chi
Hsieh-yuan aspires.—*Courtesy
Daily Bulletin.*

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction,
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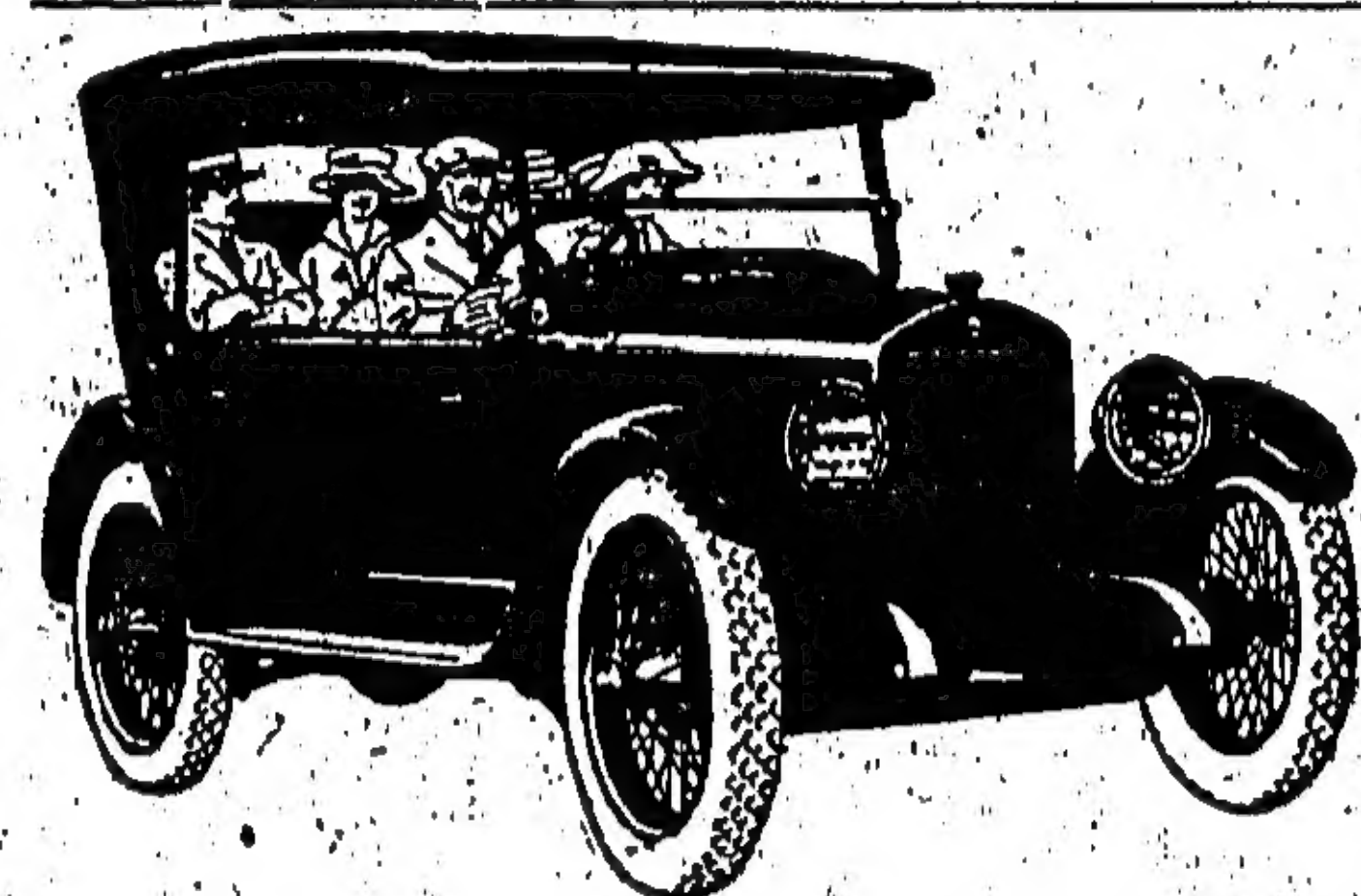
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ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of this company for presentation at the 34th Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, on Tuesday, March 4, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—

The Gross Profit for the year is..... \$1,024,819.99

The amount brought forward from the previous year..... 98,633.68

\$1,123,453.67

After allowing for the Interim Dividend paid in September last... \$200,000.00

Directors' and Auditors' fees, etc..... 8,655.50

Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Launches, Lighters, etc..... 52,113.50

260,769.00

The Balance to be dealt with is... \$862,684.67

which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share \$600,000.00

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Macao Works, an additional... 40,000.00

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Hok. Un Works, an additional... 45,688.57

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Deep Water Bay Works, an additional... 10,000.00

To write off Launches and Lighters, etc., an additional... 10,000.00

To place to Reserve for New Plant... 50,000.00

To Bonus to Staff... 13,648.21

To carry forward to next year's account... 93,347.89

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Since the last Annual Meeting, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Very Rev. Father Robert and Sir Paul Chater have resigned, and Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. Li Tse Fong and Mr. C. F. Mendham have joined the Board. These appointments require confirmation.

Under Article (14) of the Articles of Association, Mr. R. G. Shewan retires, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews who are eligible for re-appointment.

EWO COTTON MILLS LD.

DIVIDEND RECOMMENDATIONS.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd., it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of profit and loss account at December 31, 1923, of Tls. \$69,615.39, of follows:

To pay a dividend on preference shares at the rate of 8 per cent per annum... 72,000.00

To pay a dividend on 600,000 ordinary Shares at the rate of Tls. 0.55 per share... 495,000.00

To write off buildings... 45,000.00

To write off plant and machinery... 190,000.00

To write off water supply... 2,252.00

To write off furniture... 1,306.69

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To pay bonus to staff at mills... 20,000.00

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COAL AND COKE.

Advices from Canton hint that a firm tone prevails in the coal and coke market there. Interference with river traffic has rendered prices of firewood prohibitive for commercial and industrial purposes; hence, an ever-increasing demand for imported fuel. Even the smallest restaurants and tea-houses in Canton are now using coal and coal of a fairly good quality in preference to firewood. The abnormal number of steam launches plying in the delta is another source of increased demand.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$16.04; No. 24 fine white \$17.00; No. 18 rough brown \$15.20.

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Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.72; Banana \$2.70; Kwan Tao \$2.75; White Greens \$2.78; Nutmeg Orange \$2.75; Kingfisher \$2.90; C. & C. \$2.82; White Rose \$2.67; Melon \$2.81.

NEW DEBENTURE STOCK.

London, February 19.

The Bank of England will invite applications for £1,800,000 5 per cent debenture stock issued at 98½ in respect of which the Government will guarantee the principal and interest under the Trade Facilities Act.

The proceeds are required to pay for a fleet of motor ships for £1,800,000 ordered by Harland Wolffs.—Reuter.

TRADE FACILITIES ACT.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, moving a series of financial resolutions extending the aggregate amount for loans to be guaranteed under the Trade Facilities Act from £50,000,000 to £65,000,000.

Mr. William Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, explained that the resolutions included at least one of the proposals of the Imperial Economic Conference, namely that authorising the Treasury to guarantee for five years three quarters of the interest on certain dominion, industrial and public utility loans, the proceeds of which were to be expended in the United Kingdom.

The resolutions were agreed to without division.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Charles Lyle, Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the Government considered an increase in the world's supply of raw cotton very important, and had every intention of carrying on the policy of promoting cotton growing within the Empire.—Reuter.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

Paris, February 18.

The Bourse du Commerce, Paris, has been closed since the decree of the Prefect of Police, on the ground that quotations are resulting in an exchange crisis calculated to lead to an abnormal increase in prices.

It is stated that taxation up to the present agreed on amounted to 4,730,000 francs. The sitting lasted until 5.30 in the morning.—Reuter.

London, February 18.

The French rentes have reached low records, the four per cent at 17½ the five per cent at 21½ ex coupon. This influence is seen in the collapse of exchange to 102.10 francs to the pound sterling.—Reuter.

Paris, February 19.

The French franc fell to 105 and the Belgian to 125.—Reuter.

RAW SILK INDUSTRY.

DEMORALIZED BY EARTHQUAKE.

NEW YORK, January 12.

Virtual demoralization of the Japanese raw silk industry as a result of the earthquake last August has emphasised the necessity of developing new sources of supply throughout the world. Mr. James A. Goldsmith, President of the Silk Association of America, said at the annual dinner of the organization to-night.

Silk manufacturers, he said, had already turned to China, which gave the greatest promise of replacing the Japanese field. Turkey, Persia, Syria and the Caucasus, also were mentioned as offering unlimited opportunities for development.

The Silk Association of America, Mr. Goldsmith said, had erected sericulture buildings at Canton Christian College, the University of Nanking and at Fokien University, where silk culture and handling would be taught scientifically. Present methods in use in China are largely antiquated and result in huge wastage, he said.

A research and development programme of the Association extending over a ten years' period was outlined.—Reuter's American Service.

SUN LIFE CO.

Another record year's business is announced by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The new life insurance policies issued and paid for during 1923 amounted to G. \$1,077,391,265, and during the year the company allotted as profits to policyholders G. \$4,417,068, and now has a surplus over all liabilities of G. \$17,873,868.

STILL AT THE HELM.

London, February 19.

Persistent reports that the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is contemplating resigning the Foreign Secretaryship on account of ill-health are authoritatively denied.

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HOME SPORT.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP.

Football enthusiasts at Home are warming up as the third round of the F. A. Cup is to be played on Saturday. We have our Shield competition in Hongkong but, in comparison, it has not that excessive interest over the league that the annual battles have for the people in the Homeland.

According to a Reuter's cable yesterday, seven Southern, and nine Northern teams are left to fight their way to the final at Wembley. The rivals in last year's remarkable match, Bolton Wanderers (winners) and West Ham United (runners-up) have both been ejected. Other cup-fighters with great traditions, who have been beaten in the earlier stages are the Spurs, "Proud Preston," Blackburn Rovers, Everton, Burnley, and Sheffield while the famous Corinthians did not get far.

Of the seven Southern teams, hopes are centred in Cardiff, the first league leaders who have made dramatic progress since the war but have never played in the final. Southampton, Crystal Palace and Bristol City are second division teams. The first-named has a glorious cup record, having been runners-up twice. Swindon seems the most promising of the three third division (S.) teams but on the whole, it looks as if Wembley will be flooded with North-countrymen and the cup remain in the North another year.

Aston Villa, Liverpool, West Bromwich, Newcastle, Burnley, Huddersfield and Manchester City represent the North who have also Leeds (second division) and the plucky Wolves (third division). The tit-bits of the rounds should be the ties between West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, and Burnley and Huddersfield. The Villa seems to have an easy task with Leeds while Liverpool travel to Southampton. Altogether there should be a more than interesting third round after which talk will begin as to likely winners.

HOME FOOTBALL.

GLAMOUR OF THE CUP.

LONDON, February 18.

In the F. A. Cup second round replay, Crystal Palace beat Notts County 2-1 at Birmingham.

The draw for the third round to be played on February 23, is as follows:—

Cardiff v. Bristol City; Crystal Palace v. Swindon; Southampton v. Liverpool; West Bromwich v. Wolverhampton; Watford v. Newcastle; Burnley v. Huddersfield; Aston Villa v. Leeds; Brighton v. Manchester City.—Reuter.

The assets of the company exceed G. \$200,000,000 exclusive of the assets of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai Life Insurance Co., Ltd., which companies were taken over by the Sun Life of Canada on January 8, 1924.

SUGAR REFINERY.

The Chinese press reports that a Japanese sugar-refining company has been established in Shanghai with a capital of \$5,000,000. The company has already purchased 70 mow of land in the Yangtzeppoo district, on which will be erected offices and factories. The products of the company come from the Dutch East Indies.

MONEY MARKET.

New York, February 19.

The Japanese Yen has been over-subscribed by \$100,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.



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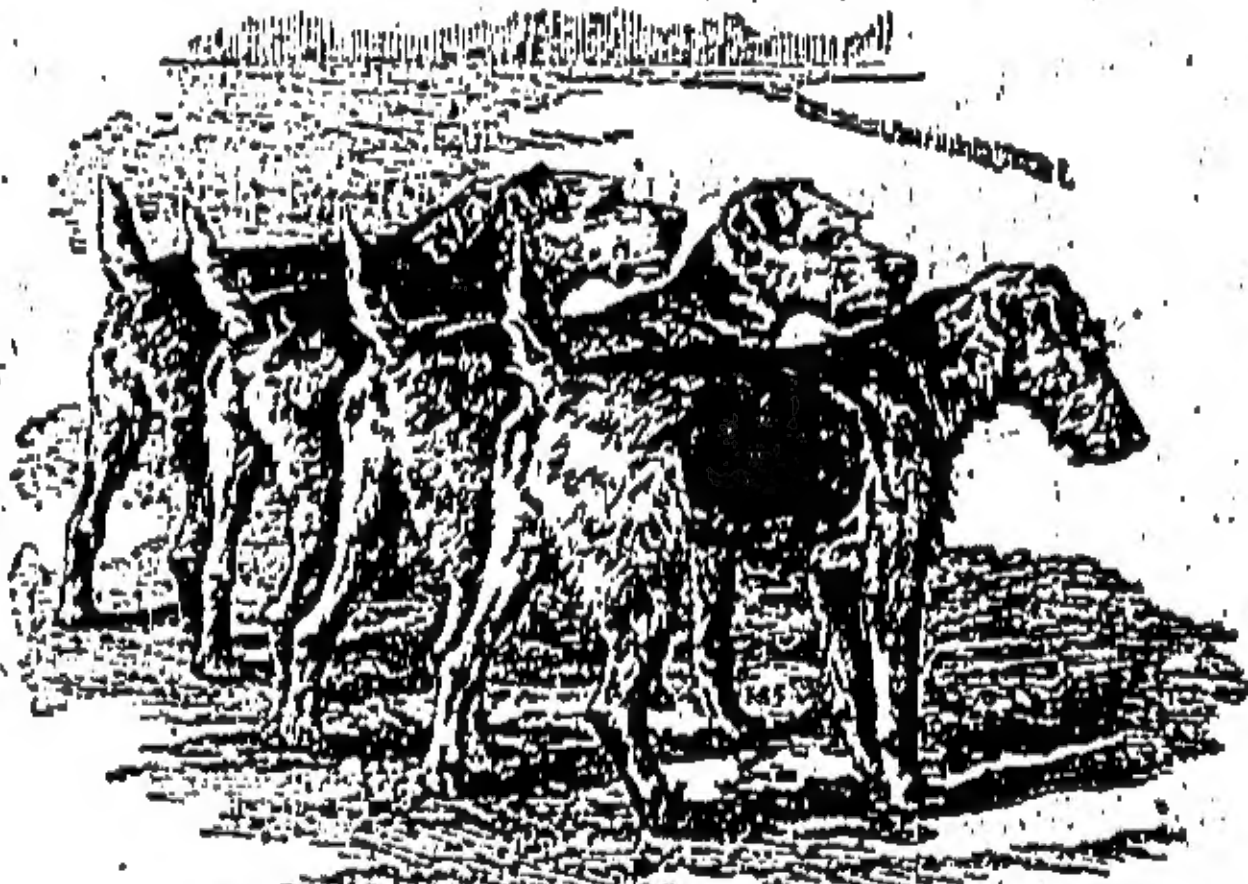
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while before making a definite
announcement of his engage-
ment to Lady Alexandra Cur-
zon, daughter of the former
Foreign Secretary, Lord Cur-
zon. The King and Queen
raised no objection in principle,
but they consider the Prince
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touring the United States.



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important member of the En-
glish Bench, who is taking a
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lon, Chairman of the Farmers'
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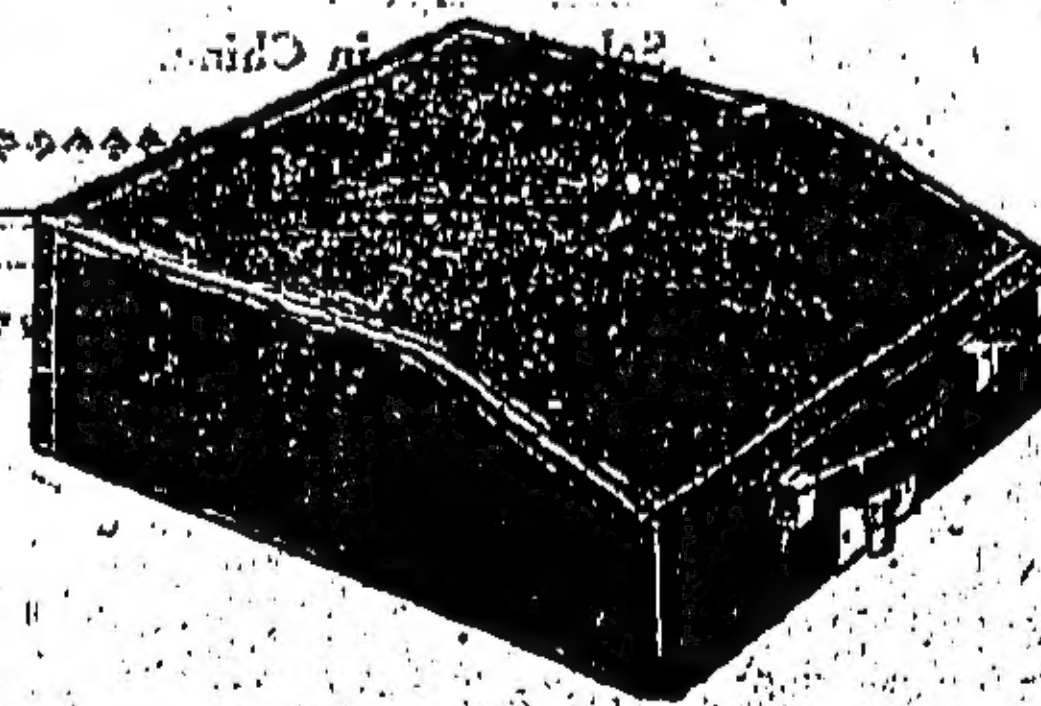
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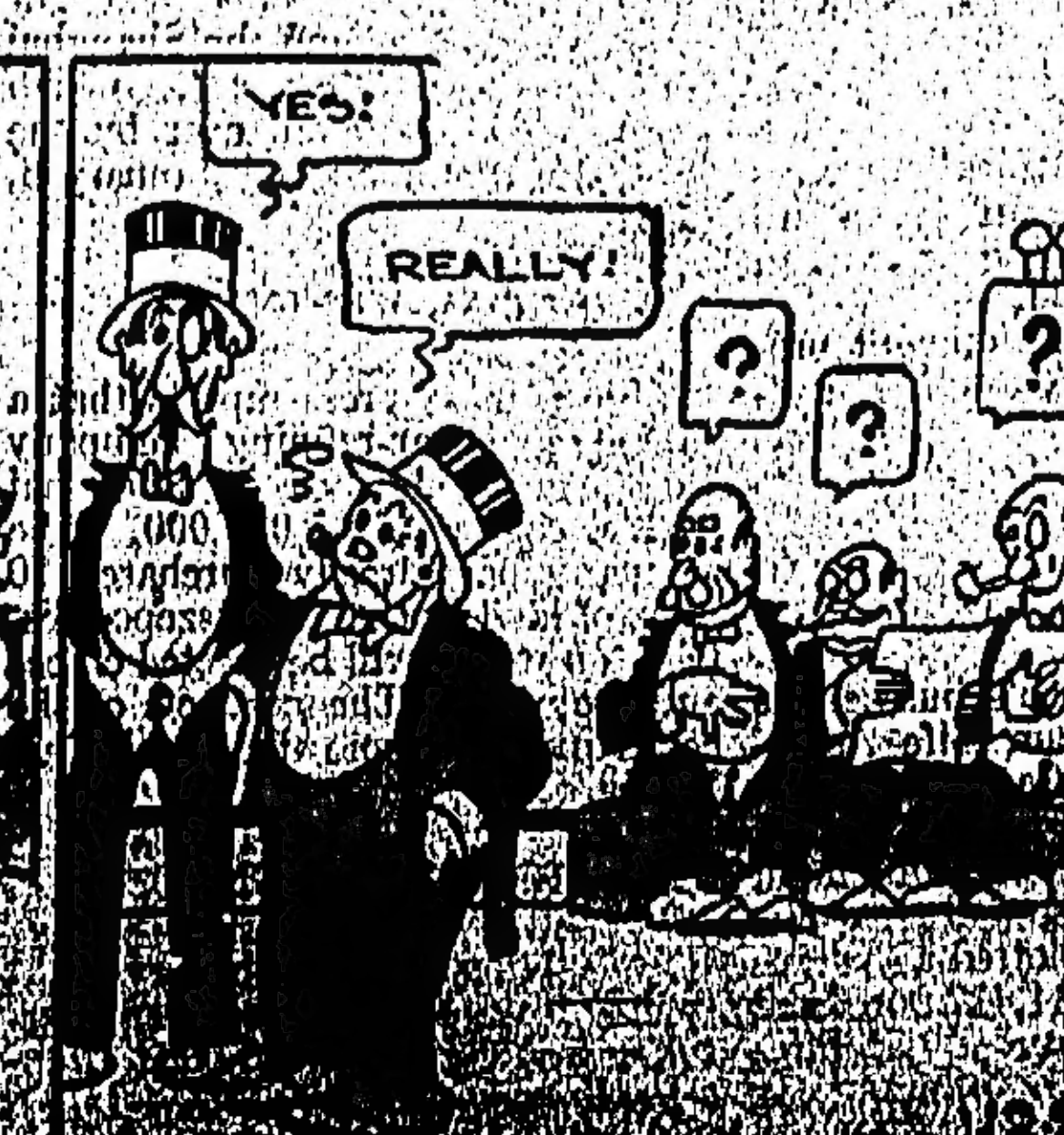
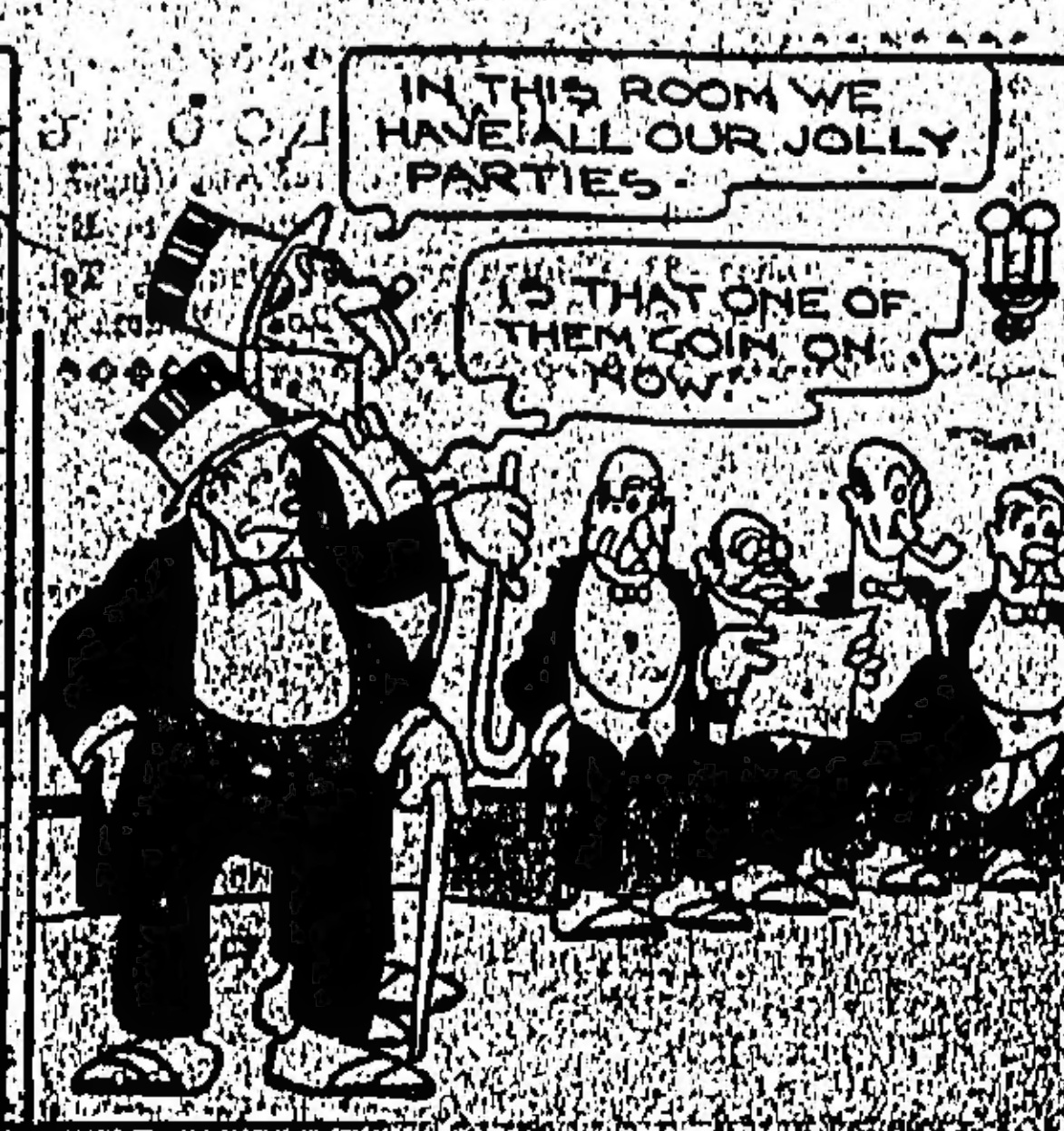
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